

REMARKS

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 6, 2009, Applicants elect method claims 1-15, with traverse, for prosecution in this application.

Claims 1-15 have now been replaced by a new set of claims 19-31, which are elected method claims.

New apparatus claims 32-36 are indicated as being withdrawn.

The Office Action alleges that the special technical feature of the method and apparatus claims is a kneading device with a fraser, and is known in the prior art.

However, the special technical feature of the invention is actually a kneading device with a fraser and an inlet for water containing dissolved ozone. Method claim 19 specifically recites that the wetting water contains dissolved ozone, and apparatus claim 32 recites that the mixing device includes an inlet connected to a dissolution reactor for ozonated or hyper-ozonated water, which is, in turn, connected to an ozone generator.

Hence, the special technical feature of the invention is not shown in the cited art, and Applicants request withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement.

With regard to the new claims:

Claim 19 includes recitations found in original claims 1, 2, 10, 13 and 15.

Claims 20-22 are based on original claims 3-5, respectively.

Claims 23-24 are based on original claim 6.

Claims 25-28 are based on original claims 7-10, respectively.

Claims 29 and 30 are based on original claims 12 and 14, respectively.

Claim 31 is supported in the present specification as published in paragraph [0027].

Claim 32 is based on original claim 16, and includes an inlet for dissolved ozone according to original claim 2, a dissolution reactor from original claim 5, and an ozone generator disclosed in paragraph [0056] of the application as published.

Claim 33 is based on the disclosure of original claim 5.

Claim 34 is based on the disclosure of original claim 7.

Claims 35 and 36 correspond to original claims 17 and 18, respectively.

The specification has been amended to provide proper subject matter headings.

Examination of claims 19-36 on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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